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April 6, 1950

The U. S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that preliminary figures through February, 1950 indicate that farmers had put approximately 830,381,671 bushels of 1949 crop wheat, barley, oats, rye, flaxseed, soybeans, corn, and grain sorghums under Commodity Credit Corporation price support.

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"In its fundamental sense, good farming, which is the basis of soil conservation, is nothing more nor less than the use of the topsoil resources to the best advantage of the farmer, the community, and the Nation...." Knox T. Hutchinson, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

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In the first six months of the fiscal year 1950, 522 million school meals were served to approximately 8 million school children in 52,800 schools which took part in the National School Lunch Program, the Production and Marketing Administration announces.

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Before assistance can be approved under the Agricultural Conservation Program, the County PMA Committee is obliged to make sure the conservation project planned meets standard specifications.

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Turkeys sold last year in the United States brought \$264,671,000. Growers in eleven Midwestern states received 37 percent of that income, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

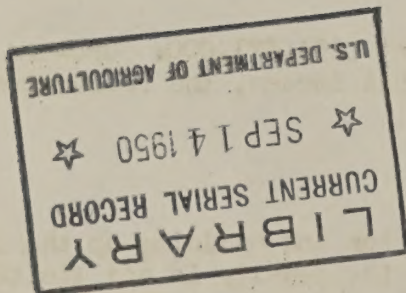
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Where little attention is given to control of erosion and building up the land, the losses are excessive and tragic. Tragic, because the penalty is not limited to the farmer alone, but to all who depend on the land for food, fiber and the other essentials which come from the land, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program is the Nation's means for cooperating with its farmers to protect our rich heritage of topsoil and build it up.

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The Department of Agriculture has announced that the wool support price for the 1950 program will average 45.2 cents per pound on a National basis. This is 90 percent of the March 15 parity price of 50.2 cents per pound for wool.

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Funds provided for conservation work under the Agricultural Conservation Program are meant to assist farmers in carrying out essential conservation practices that they would not otherwise carry out, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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Prices in 1950 of most items purchased by farmers for use in production are expected to average 3 to 4 percent lower than in 1949, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The Production and Marketing Administration announces a support price of \$2.82 a bushel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, basis for No. 1 1950-crop flaxseed. This support price reflects an average support level of 60 percent of parity as of April 1, 1950.

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Much of the food served under the National School Lunch Program was produced and purchased in the localities where it was used, according to the Department of Agriculture.

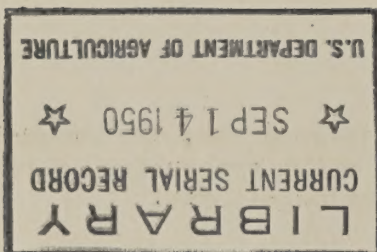
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About the best protection there is against erosion is good sod, the Production and Marketing Administration advises. That's why stock water reservoirs, springs, wells and basins are so important in the Nation's conservation efforts.

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"No man ever really owns a piece of land. This simple fact, which should become more and more obvious as generations come and go, is still the very root of our conservation problems...." Excerpt from Editorial in Crops & Soils.

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The Department of Agriculture has announced that there will be no price support program on 1950 production of chickens, including commercial broilers, and turkeys.

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Wage rates paid to hired farm workers on April 1, 1950 were about the same as a year ago, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The following foods are listed by the Department of Agriculture as "plentiful" for the month of May: Cabbage, carrots, onions, Irish potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, canned corn, canned lima beans, pork and pork products, eggs, broilers and fryers, hens, dry beans and peas, peanut butter, raisins and prunes, canned peaches and honey.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that during the nine months period, July 1949-March 1950, exports of grain and grain products equaled 10,017,000 long tons as compared with 13,535,000 long tons in the same period of 1948-49.

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Farm stocks of feed grains on April 1 were the second-largest of record, both in tonnage and in quantity per animal unit to be fed, the Production and Marketing Administration announces.

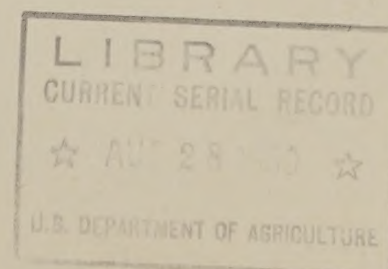
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Prospects for the winter wheat crop have declined by 121 million bushels since last December, according to the latest report by the Department of Agriculture.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program is a national undertaking because the whole country depends on the land for food and the many other things that come from the soil.

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The Production and Marketing Administration reminds North Dakota farmers that they have until May 31 in which to sign-up to participate in the 1950 Agricultural Conservation Program.

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The number of cattle on feed for market in 11 Corn Belt States on April 1 showed an increase of 8 percent from a year earlier, or about 220,000 head, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

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Not only is the land of the Nation in better condition because of practices accomplished under the Agricultural Conservation Program, but business enterprises depending on the Nations' land are direct beneficiaries.

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Approximately 700,000 acres of trees have been planted under the Agricultural Conservation Program since the program started in 1936.

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Technological progress on farms over the last half century has revolutionized American agriculture, and has left its mark upon every phase of public life, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics emphasizes.

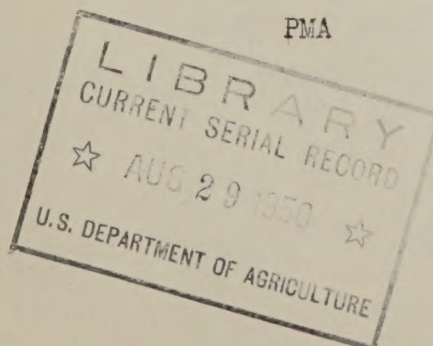
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In addition to their value in conserving soil and water, good pastures provide an excellent and economical source of livestock feed, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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"I believe we need to raise our sights and think and talk more about soil-building instead of thinking of just conserving what we have...." Dr. Byron T. Shaw, Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Research Administration.

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April 17, 1944

The President has a letter to the Secretary of the Interior dated April 17, 1944, in which he refers to the report of the Secretary of the Interior dated April 15, 1944, and to the report of the Secretary of the Interior dated April 14, 1944.

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The report of the Secretary of the Interior dated April 15, 1944, and the report of the Secretary of the Interior dated April 14, 1944, are both in accordance with the report of the Secretary of the Interior dated April 13, 1944.

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Not only in the past but in the future it is the policy of the Department of the Interior to maintain the same policy of the Department of the Interior in the past.

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Approximately 100,000 acres of land were taken from the public domain in 1944.

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Industrial production in 1944 was the highest in the history of the United States.

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In addition to the above mentioned, the Department of the Interior has received a report from the Secretary of the Interior dated April 13, 1944.

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It appears to me that the report of the Secretary of the Interior dated April 13, 1944, is in accordance with the report of the Secretary of the Interior dated April 12, 1944.

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